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DECEMBER 28, 1977.

H PASS THE HONORABLE SAM B. HALL, JR., HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515 FROM PATRICK J.
LUCEY, AMBASSADOR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 28, IN BEHALF OF
YOUR FRIEND MR. PAUL ANDERSON. MR. ANDERSON REQUESTED
YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING MEXICAN PASSPORTS FOR MRS.
SOCORRO SOLIS ARROYO AND A RELATIVE, MR. CORNELIO TAVIRA,
TO ENABLE THEM TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO TESTIFY
IN THE MATTER OF LUCAS MONDRAGON AND WIFE V. MISSOURI
PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE GOVERNMENT OF
MEXICO DOES NOT PLACE OBSTACLES IN THE PATHS OF ITS
CITIZENS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN PASSPORTS TO TRAVEL TO THE
UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH MEXICO
MAINTAINS RELATIONS. IF MRS. SOLIS ARROYO AND MR. TAVIRA
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HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN PASSPORTS, IT IS PROBABLY
BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT PROVIDED THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION
OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP OR HAVE FAILED TO PAY THE PASSPORT
FEES (WHICH ARE HIGH) AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER REASON.
WHATEVER THE CASE, THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT A MEXICAN
CITIZEN MAY BE ISSUED A PASSPORT IS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO AND NOT ONE IN WHICH THE EMBASSY

MAY PROPERLY INTERVENE.

ASSUMING THAT MRS. SOLIS ARROYO AND MR. TAVIRA ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING PASSPORTS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THEM FIRST TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY TO APPLY FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISAS TO PERMIT THEM TO APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR PASSPORTS, ONE PHOTOGRAPH EACH, EVIDENCE OF THEIR FINANCIAL ABILITY TO MAKE THE TRIP, AND EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE A RESIDENCE IN MEXICO WHICH THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF ABANDONING. I ASSURE YOU THAT OUR VISA BRANCH WILL GIVE THEIR APPLICATIONS EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION.

I AM SORRY THAT I CANNOT ASSIST IN OBTAINING MEXICAN PASSPORTS, BUT I HOPE THAT THE VISA INFORMATION WILL AT LEAST HELP TO AVOID DELAYS ONCE THE PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. LUCEY

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